

OPC Bulletin

Reporter Tells OPC Of Cuban Crisis

Abandoned by its closest ally and principal trading partner, Cuba now finds itself in its worst economic crisis since President Fidel Castro rose to power in 1959, one of the few Western journalists based in Havana told OPC members Oct. 31.

"They had a whole comfy relationship with Eastern Europe that no longer exists," said Pascal Fletcher, a latter-day "our man in Havana" for Reuters news agency. "There probably is not a single aspect of daily life that hasn't been disrupted by the cut in supplies."

With the United States showing no signs of relenting on its decades-long trade embargo, Cuba is caught in a bind, Fletcher said. But even before Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev announced plans to withdraw Soviet troops and cut off annual subsidies, the Cuban economy had begun to collapse, he said. By late 1990, steadily worsening conditions led the Government to begin rationing food, clothing, and other consumer goods.

The coupon books Cubans are given each month do not cover their most basic needs, Fletcher said.

"They have a coupon for one pair of trousers for every two years," he said. "The food coupons are supposed to buy a monthly supply, but it doesn't last two weeks."

To fill some of the economic gaps left by the collapse of relations with the Soviet Union, Cuba will have to

strengthen its ties to Latin America and China, he said. Such moves are already afoot. Earlier this year, Castro met with the presidents of Colombia, Mexico, and Venezuela to discuss trade and investment opportunities.

"They want to welcome Cuba back into the fold," Fletcher said, recalling Cuba's expulsion from the Organization of American States in the early 1960s. "But they're not willing to give something for nothing."

So far, he said, the talks have not come to fruition.

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Holiday Food, Good Cheer

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, OPC will usher in the holiday season with a gala event featuring refreshments, entertainment, and a few surprises.

The annual holiday party, which begins at 5:30 p.m., will be held in the intimate setting of the mezzanine-level pub and lounge at 3 W. 51st.

Hot hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served to holiday music, and Santa may make an early appearance, said Fran Carpentier, who is helping to organize the party.

Carpentier added that club members are encouraged to invite their business colleagues and associates to attend the party as their guests.

The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations are required. Call club manager Mary Novick at 212-983-4655 to guarantee a place.

Those attending the party should also be sure to bring along a small gift for Santa's pack.

Pause For Free Press Dec. 15

By H.L. STEVENSON

President, Overseas Press Club

Having bowed our heads over the turkey and trimmings, with the prayer that the New Year will be better for all in the media and other recession-squeezed fields, we turn to December.

It is time for the celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas, the holiest days of the year, and for the gifts and parties and glitter that accompany.

There is another important date in December, the 15th, that most will let pass without mention or celebration.

We in the business of reporting the world's troubles should not.

December 15 is the 200th birthday of the First Amendment. It was on that day two centuries ago that Virginia ratified the Bill of Rights, making it part of the U.S. Constitution.

Those who wrote the document could have made other important points in the First—the right to a fair trial, the right to privacy—but they chose these words to head their list: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government in a redress of grievances."

A lot of editors and constitutional experts doubt that this simple declara-

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THIRD WORLD

COMPASS NEWS CLOSES SHOP

Compass News Features, which specialized in covering the Third World, closed shop at the end of November.

A Compass announcement cited "continuing resistance in the Western World to Third World news," as well as the mounting costs of maintaining the service.

Managing Editor Gerard Loughran, who guided the service for seven years, will remain with the Aga Khan's media organization in London as a consultant. Loughran, an OPC member, said he will commute to London from his cottage near the Scottish border.

CABOT PRIZES

LATIN AMERICAN COVERAGE HAILED

In October, Columbia University honored four journalists for their coverage of Latin America by awarding them Maria Moors Cabot Prizes for advancing press freedom

and inter-American understanding.

This year's Cabot Prize Gold Medal winners were:

Otavio Frias Fihlo, editor in chief of *Folha de Sao Paolo*, a Sao Paolo, Brazil, daily; **Eduardo Gallardo**, bureau chief for Chile and Bolivia for The Associated Press; **Lucia Newman**, South African bureau chief for Cable News Network; and **Alejandro Junco de la Vega**, publisher of *El Norte*, a daily newspaper in Monterrey, Mexico.

The awards, created in 1939 by the late Godfrey Lowell Cabot, are the oldest awards for international journalism.

LYONS AWARD

NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR 1992

Harvard University's Nieman Foundation is seeking nominations for the 1992 Louis M. Lyons Award for conscience and integrity in journalism. The award, which carries a \$1,000 honorarium, is named in honor of the late Louis M. Lyons, curator of the Foundation for 25 years.

For additional information on eligibility and the nomination process, contact the Lyons Award Committee at 617-495-2237. The nomination deadline is March 1, 1992.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TWO OPCERS MARK 80TH

OPC member **H.D. (Doc) Quigg**, retired senior editor of United Press International, was surprised by several score former colleagues, ex-competitors, and neighbors at Costello's saloon (where James Thurber's personally scrawled characters adorn the walls) on 44th St. on Nov. 22, the day before the milestone. Quigg covered the Pacific for UP in World War II and scores of big domestic stories before retiring.

Clare Hollingsworth, who still files for the *Sunday Telegraph* in London, was profiled by Donald Wise in *The Correspondent*, the magazine of the press club in Hong Kong, on the occasion of her 80th Oct. 10. She also spends time at Hong Kong University's Asian Studies Depart-

ment. The late Richard Hughes once described Hollingsworth as "our mother superior."

THANK YOU LETTER

FROM A MEMBER

Thank you very much for my membership card.

I wish that I could attend one of your luncheon meetings, but I'm not often in New York City. Meantime, I enjoy the monthly *Bulletins* so much. Thank you for them also.

Sincerely yours,
Janet Murrow
Needham, Mass.

YUGOSLAV CONFLICT

THIRD AP STAFFER WOUNDED ON JOB

Dusan Vranic, an Associated Press photographer covering the Yugoslav civil war, was wounded by sniper fire Nov. 14 in Vukovar, a Croatian town that fell to the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army a week later.

Vranic, who was struck in the arm, was the third AP staffer wounded while covering the conflict.

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President's Message

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tion would be approved today by the electorate, especially the part about a free press. A few polls bear this out.

There are a lot of libel suits around and you can find city officials and school boards all over the country who seek to thwart the reporter looking in the dark corners of government.

Washington has its share of would-be censors and press critics, including the Pentagon, which is still stonewalling us over the oppressive ground rules the military imposed in the Persian Gulf.

Our First Amendment is unique, alien in other countries.

These pages regularly report press abuses, jailings and murder of journalists in all parts of the world, far worse than the obstacles we face in the United States.

This writer has long felt we spend too much time talking within our profession about press freedom, but not enough with those we should be converting: our neighbors.

On the 200th anniversary, call or write a non-media friend or two and remind them of the importance of the First. Slip in a plug when you wish them a happy holiday.

It could spark a lively conversation over the egg nog.

Pause for a moment, too, and think of our colleagues around the world who live in fear of a midnight knock on the door.

To all of our members, may you and your family and friends have a joyous holiday and a Happy New Year!

Mailing For Membership

To kick off a massive new membership drive, the OPC Nov. 22 mailed 1,500 special issues of the *Bulletin* to prospective club members at home and abroad.

The special issue included an invitation from club president H.L. Stevenson and Richard Stolley, chairman of the Membership Committee.

It also profiled the club's founders, outlined more than 50 year of club history, described regular club programs and ceremonies, and explained the club's work to secure press freedoms overseas.

Stevenson said he hopes the drive will draw at least 100 new resident members. He urged all members to provide names and addresses of potential members to Mary Novick, the club's manager. Novick has copies of the special issue for those who are interested in obtaining one.

OPC Protects Journalists

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), held at a gala dinner Oct. 23 at New York's Hotel Pierre, the Overseas Press Club Foundation contributed \$1,000 to the committee's fund-raising drive.

The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee cooperates actively with CPJ in its efforts to help journalists and media under attack around the world.

Journalists Said Unready To Cover War

In all the debate over military restrictions on the press during the Persian Gulf War, one group hosted by The Freedom Forum has suggested another touchy problem in the conflict: Most journalists are poorly prepared to cover the military.

The Arlington, Va.-based foundation sponsored a day-long review of the continuing controversy Oct. 11.

A small group of Washington bureau chiefs continues to meet with the Pentagon about future press pools, ground transportation, and communications in wartime.

Participants at the Arlington conference suggested that "continuing education" could help military officers, reporters, and the people who run the newsrooms with exchanges of personnel.

Military reporting problems are absent from most textbooks, and this should be corrected, they said.

The group placed special emphasis on the need to restrict press pools to short-term use, the importance of independent coverage outside the pools, and the avoidance of prior military review of stories or film.

Among the two dozen representatives were OPCers H.L. Stevenson, club president, and Andrew Nibley, Editor for the Americas for Reuters, New York.

50 Years After Pearl Harbor: What's Next?

Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. 50 Years After Pearl Harbor: What's Next for Japan and The U.S.? Panelists include Seigi Hinata, deputy consul general in New York and one of the Japanese Government's most articulate spokesmen; Yoshi Tsurumi, author of *The Japanese Are Coming* and a professor at Baruch College; and moderator William J. Holstein, an OPC board member and editor of *Business Week International*. A second American panelist also will take part. Reservations required: 212-983-4655.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m. Annual Holiday Party. See story on p. 1 for details. Reservations required: 212-983-4655.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 12:30 p.m. Board of Governors Lunch.

Thursday, Jan. 9, 1992, 5:30 p.m. An evening with Mark Twain. Actor Roger Durett will perform an hour-long impersonation, reciting a monologue nearly identical to a speech Twain gave a century ago. Durett, who has performed his one-man show for 14 years, drew wide attention in October when his Twain character announced he was considering a run for the 1992 Presidential election. Free. Reservations required: 212-983-4655.

Jan. 22, 1992. Keynote Lunch.

May 6, 1992 (new date). Annual Awards Dinner. Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York, black tie. Mark your calendar now.

All programs and meetings held at 3 W. 51st St. unless indicated otherwise. For reservations for lodging or restaurants, dial 212-582-5454.

Crisis in Cuba

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On the other hand, trade with China has already picked up, with Chinese bicycles increasingly common in the streets of Havana and boatloads of sugar leaving for China regularly, he said.

But China will never fill the ideological or economic void left by the Soviet Union, Fletcher added. While a Cuban-Soviet alliance once seemed unlikely, he said, the even greater distance and cultural differences between Cuba and China are all but insurmountable.

The question remains how much longer Cubans can wait for the economy to be revived. Many had hoped the Communist Party Congress held last August would resolve some of the more immediate problems, like fixing the mass transit system, but that simply did not happen, Fletcher said. Instead, discussion of domestic issues focused on long-term efforts to bring in more foreign currency by boosting tourism, foreign investment, and exports, he said.

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Geyer Book Helps Dispel Castro Myth

"Georgie Anne Geyer . . . has written a major biography which goes a long way toward disassembling the Castro myth and explaining the spell he has cast on so many."

That's the appraisal of Geyer's *Guevara Prince: The Untold Story of Fidel Castro* (Little Brown and Co., \$22.95) in *Freedom Review*, the Freedom House publication.

Geyer, a veteran foreign reporter based in Washington, spent 20 years putting the book together, including hundreds of interviews, four with Fidel himself.

"A rich portrait and an important contribution to understanding the psychology of political power . . .," the FR reviewer said.

INFORMATION FOR OPC APPLICANTS

CLUB OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the Overseas Press Club of America -- founded in 1939 in New York City by a group of foreign correspondents -- are to bring together men and women whose present or past activities in the service of American journalism around the world give them common professional and social interests, to provide facilities for the expression of these interests, to promote good fellowship among members, to encourage and recognize the highest standards of professional integrity and skill in the gathering and reporting of the news, and to champion freedom of the press and the free flow of information around the world.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DUES

1. ACTIVE MEMBER

a. Active Resident/¹ and Active Nonresident/²

1) Currently working in a full - time journalistic capacity for established news media/³ and having been so employed for a minimum of three consecutive years or, if not consecutive, for a minimum of six accumulated years. This includes publishers, editors, reporters, writers, columnists, stringers, photographers, cameramen, newscasters, commentators, and others of equivalent position and editorial authority.

2) Frequently published free - lancers for established news media over a minimum period of three years.

3) Authors of distinguished non - fiction books dealing with foreign affairs or other current events.

b. Active Overseas Same as above, except minimum requirement is full - time employment outside the U.S. for one year or, if not continuous, for two accumulated years. For stringers or frequently published free - lancers, the minimum requirement is two accumulated years of service outside the U.S.

c. An initiation fee of \$25 must accompany the application. It will be refunded if the applicant is found to be ineligible.

d. DUES are payable annually on October 1, pro - rated from the month of membership acceptance:

Active Resident - \$300;
Active Nonresident - \$75;
Active Overseas - \$70

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

a. Associate Resident/¹ and Associate Nonresident/²

1) Not currently working in a full - time journalistic capacity for established news media/³ but having previously accumulated a minimum of five years of such service.

2) Editors, publishers and agents of non - fiction books dealing with foreign affairs or other current events.

3) Public information and public relations representatives currently employed full - time by agencies of national governments or by the United Nations or other intergovernmental organizations, or United States government - owned media such as USIA, Voice of America, and **Stars and Stripes**.

4) Current spokesmen for non-profit organizations involved with newsworthy activities of interest to OPC members.

b. Associate Overseas Same as above, but living outside the United States.

c. An initiation fee of \$25 must accompany the application. It will be refunded if applicant is found to be ineligible.

d. DUES are payable annually on October 1, pro - rated from month of membership acceptance:

Associate Resident - \$300;
Associate Nonresident - \$75;
Associate Overseas - \$70

3. JUNIOR MEMBER, NON - VOTING, (29 Years of age or younger)

Not yet qualifying for Active or Associate membership, but engaged as student in formal classes, or as trainee or entry - level employee with established news media/³, with the aim of preparing for a career in the field of journalism.

An initiation fee of \$25 must accompany this application, which will be refunded if applicant is found to be ineligible.

Annual dues of \$150 are payable on October 1, pro - rated from the month of membership acceptance.

4. AFFILIATE MEMBER

Affiliate membership is extended, on invitation of the Board of Governors, to those whose business or professional work involves close relationship with or interest in the field of journalism, especially international journalism -- as well as to diplomatic or other government officials whose association with the Club will advance its objectives.

a. An initiation fee of \$100 must be sent with the application. It will be refunded if applicant is found to be ineligible.

b. Affiliate member dues (payable annually on October 1, pro - rated from the month of membership acceptance) - **\$450.**

5. REINSTATEMENT

Former members of the OPC who wish to apply for reinstatement should write to the Chairman, Admissions Committee, stating all the facts. If membership was terminated more than ten years previously, a new application form is also required. Members who terminated their membership less than ten years previously do not require a new application--only a letter. Each application for reinstatement will be considered on an individual basis.

- 1) **Resident member** lives or has a principal place of business within a 50 - mile radius of Columbus Circle, New York City, according to a special map published by the Hagstrom Map Company.
- 2) **Nonresident member** does not live or have a principal place of business within a 50 - mile radius of Columbus Circle, New York City, according to a special map published by Hagstrom Map Company.
- 3) **Established News Media** includes recognized and regularly established news agencies, newspapers, press syndicates, broadcasting or television networks or stations, magazines which maintain regularly and systematically independent news and/or feature coverage. It does not include promotional publications or house organs of any government, organization or movement.

AWARDS

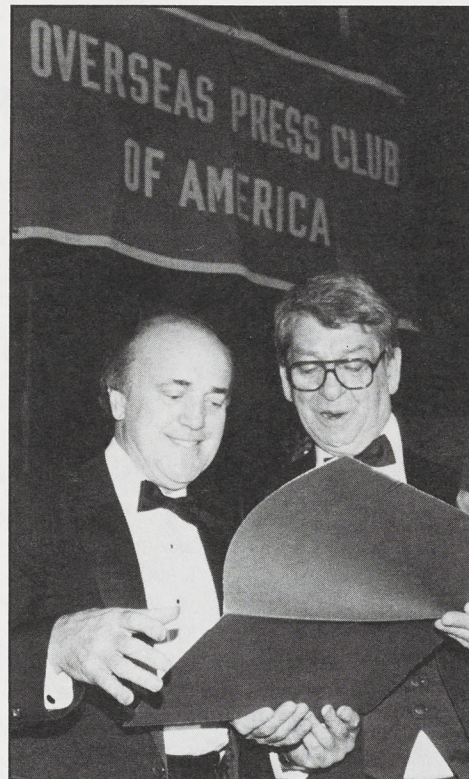
Each Spring, for more than 50 years, the OPC has staged a black-tie dinner in New York to recognize excellence in foreign reporting.

Awards and prizes are given for work appearing in U.S. newspapers and magazines, for radio and television reporting, for business and economic reporting from abroad, reporting on human rights and conditions under which millions live, photographic reporting in several categories, and the best book on an international topic.

In addition, foreign journalists who work in the United States are cited for work appearing in foreign newspapers.

A President's Award is presented, at the club president's discretion, to an individual who has made significant contributions to international journalism.

CNN's **Peter Arnett**, left, receives the **1991 President's Award** from club president **H.L. Stevenson**.



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Peter Arnett, CNN correspondent, was the recipient of the 1991 award.

A new award makes its debut at the April 28, 1992, banquet: outstanding radio or TV reporting of business and economic news. It is given in honor of Carl Spielvogel, a former *New York Times* reporter and head of a worldwide advertising agency that bears his name.

Entry blanks and other information can be obtained from the club's office in Manhattan. Call 212-983-4655.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

An American reporter is expelled by a hostile foreign government. An African editor is jailed for editorials critical of his nation's regime. A Latin American journalist is assassinated by drug cartel thugs. A newspaper in Asia is shut down.

These and scores of similar reports of press freedom infringements flow into OPC headquarters each year, monitored by Norman Schorr, chairman, and other members of the club's Freedom of the Press Committee.

The group maintains ties with a number of journalism groups throughout the world, including the Committee to Protect Journalists, in New York; Inter American Press Association, in Miami; and the International Press Institute, in Europe; and with human rights groups such as Amnesty International.

The club is also one of a score of groups affiliated with the World Press Freedom Committee, a Reston, Va., organization that monitors press activities and legislation around the world.

The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee regularly dispatches protests and appeals to heads of government, foreign ministers, and other officials, often in concert with other press groups. In some cases, journalist-prisoners are released. In many others, the appeals appear to be ignored, but subsequent follow-ups indicate that these messages prompt second thoughts and have a bearing on the release of journalists, an easing of restrictions, or a boost to the prisoners' morale. "We strive to illuminate the darkness," Schorr says.

Each year, in the club's official magazine, *Dateline*, the committee publishes a roll call of journalists imprisoned, kidnapped, held hostage, or otherwise detained around the world. It receives wide circulation.



Mary Novick, OPC's manager since 1972, is responsible for keeping the club's finances in order, overseeing luncheons and special programs, arranging the annual awards banquet, and providing scores of other services for members.

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Fellow Reporters, Editors, and Communicators:

Please become a partner in an organization whose major reason for being since 1939 is to recognize and support the work of the international journalist.

In the process, during those more than 50 years, Overseas Press Club of America members have had a lot of fun, too.

The club has been in the forefront in advocating press freedom around the world, in opposing all manner of restrictions on reporters, and combating the pressure and harassment brought to bear on the press.

Despite the new breeze of democracy in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and elsewhere, obstacles remain in a lot of places. Dictators still like to bully the press.

Your voice and support in this continuing fight is important. We invite you, as an active or associate member, to join the OPC effort. Eligibility requirements and other information about the club are contained in this special OPC Bulletin.

Since a handful of foreign reporters founded the club in a Greenwich Village saloon, the quarters have improved, as the membership grew. We're now located at 3 W. 51st St., in the heart of Manhattan, with excellent dining rooms, a bar, and lodging for out-of-towners. It is a central meeting place, convenient to many of the media organizations, theatres, restaurants, and museums in New York.

Good fellowship is practiced regularly with special programs, parties, and other events.

Each year, at a black tie dinner in the Spring, the OPC recognizes distinguished foreign reporting in more than 15 categories.

Our membership is spread around the world, forming a network of contacts. The club's full-time manager and our monthly newsletter help members all over the globe keep in touch.

This newsletter will tell you more.

We hope you accept the invitation to become an active participant in our club. Please call if you have questions 212-983-4655.

Sincerely,

H.L. Stevenson

H.L. Stevenson
Former Editor in Chief
United Press International
OPC President

Richard B. Stolley

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Editorial Director
Time Inc. Magazine
OPC Membership Chairman

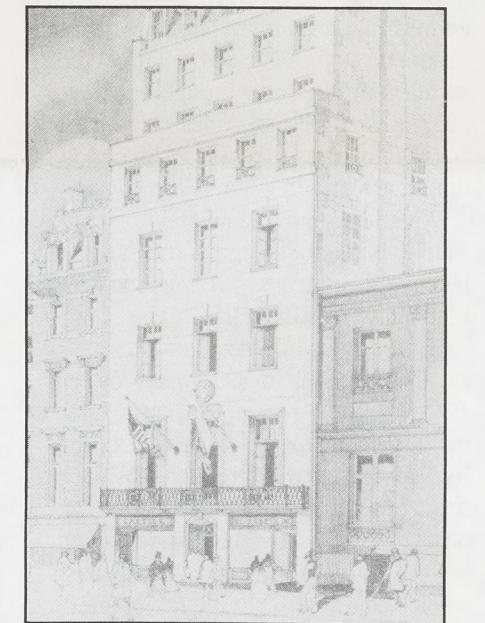
See You At 3 W. 51st St.

Walk out the front door, turn left a few steps to Fifth Avenue shopping. The United Nations is a short hike. Turn right, the Radio City Music Hall and Broadway theatres. Across the street, Rockefeller Center. Within a few blocks, offices of the big networks, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Business Week*, *Institutional Investor*, *The New York Times*, a host of bureaus of newspapers from around the world, and scores of restaurants.

Overseas Press Club headquarters at 3 W. 51st St. are almost squarely in the middle of Manhattan.

Owned and operated by the Women's National Republican Club, the building also is the home of the Lamb's club, with

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The OPC's home in Manhattan.

FOUNDERS

It all began on a balmy Spring day in 1939, in a saloon called Rocky's in Greenwich Village.

Charles Ferlin, a hearty veteran of many overseas assignments, called a few friends together. Over a drink or two, they decided to form a new press club, made up of foreign correspondents and editors. Two women were among the founding nine, although Irene Corbally Kuhn and Fay Gillis Wells weren't invited to the organizational meeting at Rocky's. Women didn't frequent joints like that in those days.

On Easter Sunday, 1939, at the more prestigious Algonquin Hotel, a constitu-

3 W. 51ST ST.

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veteran theater and cabaret artists; the University of Virginia alumni club; and Squadron A, the historic New York military unit.

The club has a formal dining room, an informal restaurant, pub, and lounge decorated with OPC memorabilia, a comfortable library, and lounge and hotel accommodations at prices well below Manhattan rates. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served.

Meeting rooms are available for club functions and for the use of members for business meetings, news conferences and luncheons, or banquets.

Hotel rates for resident members range from \$82 to \$93.40 (as of Fall 1991), to \$99 to \$115 for non-resident members and guests of members (family, friends, or business colleagues); non-residents and guests pay a \$5.41 surcharge for the first night. Resident members are billed; non-residents and guests are asked to settle with major credit cards for lodging or meals.

tion was approved for the Overseas Press Club. A few years later, the words "of America" were added to distinguish the New York-based group from a number of press clubs around the world.

In addition to Ferlin, Kuhn, and Wells, the charter founders were Samuel Dashiell, Hal Lehrman, Wythe Williams, Eugene Lyons, Linton Wells, and Robert Spiers Benjamin. Kuhn, Wells, and Benjamin are the survivors of the group that thought it would be nice to gather now and then, lift a glass, catch up on gossip, and keep track of globe-trotting reporters of the day.

Membership jumped to about 125 in the first year, and the club was ambitious enough to start an annual dinner each Spring, which became the stage for the presentation of OPC awards for reporting from abroad.

With war in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific, the club grew by leaps and bounds, hitting 2,000, then 3,000 in the post-war years.

With growth came a succession of homes—the Belmont-Plaza, Lotos Club, the Times Tower on Broadway, then the club's own building on 39th Street. When that building became crowded, the club sold to real estate developers and spent most of the \$675,000 on an 11-story building at 54 West 40th Street. Soon thereafter, there were two restaurants, a bar, hotel, and 70 or so employees.

A succession of headliners came to pontificate, and be grilled, on world affairs: John Kennedy, Henry Kissinger, King Hussein, Fidel Castro, Gen. George Marshal, and a president or two, plus a sprinkling of foreign ministers and potentates.

With expenses climbing, and \$100,000 suddenly unaccounted for, and the full-time manager missing, the club was forced to give up its building in 1969, moving to less pretentious quarters including the Biltmore Hotel, then



Two of the club's founders, Irene Corbally Kuhn and Fay Gillis Wells, after the Algonquin Hotel was named a historic site in journalism by the Society for Professional Journalists in 1989.

the Chemists Club, later sold by its owners, forcing yet another search for a permanent home.

Membership slipped to 2,000, then about 1,000, where it remains today, with about half in the United States and the rest overseas.

The club moved into 3 W. 51st St. in 1990, while many members were gearing up to cover a confrontation between a dictator named Hussein and the United States in the Middle East. Fifty-one years earlier, a despot named Hitler was rolling into Poland, drawing the world into a universal war. Born amidst conflict, later a port of call for hundreds of war correspondents and those covering the ebb and flow of peace, poverty, and prosperity from foreign capitals, the club forged ahead.

Through it all, the OPC stuck to its course, as described in its first year by *The New York Times*:

"To bring together men and women whose past and present activities in the service of the American press have given them common professional and social interests; to provide facilities for the expression of those interests; to promote good fellowship among the members and to encourage the highest standards of independence, democracy, and professional skill in the American foreign press service."

PROGRAMS

Club members are offered a wide range of programs during the year, many focused on front-page topics.

During 1990 and 1991, panels and speakers discussed the changes in Eastern Europe, the aborted coup in the Soviet Union, Cuba's precarious position with the drop in Soviet aid, the conflict among Yugoslavia's regions, the trade pact between the United States and Mexico, U.S.-Japanese relations, and the aftermath of the Chinese crackdown against pro-democracy students.

Headline speakers have included Ted Turner and Peter Arnett of CNN; Andy Rooney and Bob Simon of CBS; economist John Kenneth Galbraith; media leaders such as Allen Neuharth, founder of USA Today and chairman of the Freedom Forum; Abe Rosenthal, former editor of *The New York Times*; and Jason McManus, editor in chief of *Time*; and authors Jim Brady, Carl Sagan, William Holstein, P.J. O'Rourke, and the late Frank Gervasi.

Reunions have long been a staple of the club. In 1987, more than 200 reporters and photographers who covered the Vietnam War held their first-ever gathering. In 1989, more than 100 journalists



Seven World War II journalists were called upon to offer reflections at the OPC's salute to reporters, photographers, and editors of the period. They were, from left to right, Bob Trout of CBS; Ed Herlihy of Universal-International newsreel; Carl Mydans of Life; Bill Dunn of CBS; Harrison Salisbury of United Press; Andy Rooney of Stars & Stripes; and Bill Frank, a U.S. Marine Corps combat correspondent. Photo by Don Phelan

who participated in World War II coverage met on the 50th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland.

In addition, club members are invited to Broadway theatre parties for new hits. Radio City Music Hall is a short block from club headquarters. Periodic group tours overseas are organized, including a memorable visit to France in 1989.

RECIPROCITY

An OPC card opens doors around the world.

Members enjoy reciprocal privileges at press clubs in the United States and a dozen or more foreign outposts. Presentation of the card permits the purchase of food or beverages and lodging where hotel rooms are available. Transactions are paid for in cash or with major credit cards, eliminating long distance billing.

In the United States, the National Press Club has two dining rooms,

lounges, a fitness center, and a research library on the 13th floor of the club's centrally located building at 529 14th Street NW, in Washington. Telephone: 202-662-7500.

Facilities vary widely at other domestic clubs, located in such cities as Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and San Diego. OPC headquarters can provide phone numbers for advance inquiries.

Overseas, one of the most active clubs is the Foreign Correspondents Club, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong. Other foreign clubs recognizing the OPC card include Buenos Aires, Barcelona, London, Manila, New Delhi, Rome, Bangkok, Marseille, Munich, Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver. The Tokyo Press Club, which does not enter into reciprocal arrangements, traditionally has admitted journalists who present their credentials.

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Application for Membership

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As an applicant for _____ membership in the OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA, I submit

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the following information so that the Admissions Committee may consider my qualifications and appropriate status.

NAME _____ HOME PHONE: AREA CODE () _____

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_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

List two or more journalists (and their organizations), who are personally familiar with

your work _____

The Admissions Committee requests any additional information, including a resume, which will assist it in evaluating the applicant's qualifications for membership.

I authorize the Admissions Committee to make any relevant inquiries with the facts set forth herein.

(APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE)